

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claim 68 and various portions of the specification have been amended. Accordingly, claims 2-24, 27-38, 43, and 57-79 remain pending in this application. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

In the outstanding Quayle Action, the specification was objected to because of several typographical errors, and claim 68 was objected to because of a typographical error.

Regarding the objection to the specification, the typographical errors have been corrected as suggested by the Examiner, and the disclosure has been reviewed to correct other such errors. Regarding the objection to claim 68, the typographical error has been corrected as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants request that the objection to the disclosure and claims be withdrawn and the application be allowed.

The Quayle Action contains characterizations of the claims and the related art with which Applicants do not necessarily agree. Unless expressly noted otherwise, Applicants decline to subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. In particular, in the Quayle Action, the Examiner provided a statement for reasons for allowance in which the Examiner asserts that certain limitations render the claims allowable. Applicants acknowledge that the claim limitations are found in the claims, but do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's assertion that such features are the only reason the claims 2-24, 27-38, 43, and 57-79 are allowable over the art. Instead, Applicants submit that the claims are patentably

distinguishable from the prior art for at least the reasons set forth in the Amendment filed July 28, 2003.

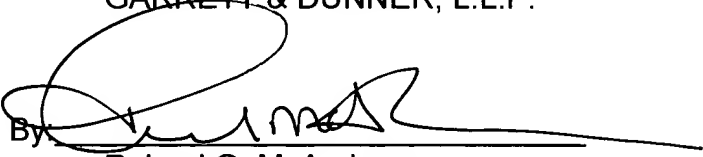
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 408-4469 if the Examiner believes that a discussion would further the prosecution of this application.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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